

Next Meeting: Monday May 20, 2013 at 7:00 PM

**Rights of Way of the Town of Rockport**

Minutes of the Meeting of April 22, 2013

*UNApproved*

Rockport Town Hall

Meeting called to order 7:00 PM, Phyllis Krenn presiding.

**Members Present:**

Phyllis Krenn, Tom Kerans, Bill Mueller, Marcia Siegel, Mary Devaney, Jane Moginot, Marc and Mary Prince

**Members Absent:** Sue Thurson

**Associate Members:** Ted Tarr present, Christina Wolfe absent

**Guests:** Mr. Rauseo, Zenas Seppala, Merry Seppala

**Announcements:**

Approximately 100 Rights of Way booklets were picked up by Jane Moginot. They are now located in committee room on top of our filing cabinets in the committee office.

Grants are available for reprinting. Booklet may need to be updated.

Disposition of FORROW funds has not been determined.

Phyllis Krenn announced that this is her last meeting as chair and a member of the committee.

**Minutes:**

**Minutes February 25, 2013 Approved as Corrected**

**Minutes of March 25, 2013 Approved as Corrected**

**Management report:**

**Old Business:**

**Reeds Lane-CATS**

Bill Mueller reported Nick Holland of CATS will visit Reeds Lane to review what we accomplished. He will bring a friend who is also a trail building consultant to look at drainage and make suggestions.

**Atlantic Path:**

**Hooper Property**

Ted Tarr recommended Hooper property lawsuit be revisited and how to attempt to reopen that section of the Atlantic Path.

**Field Trip on April 20, 2013 regarding Atlantic Path and Reeds Lane**

Marcia Siegel made report.

Present: Bill Mueller, Marcia Siegel, Phyllis Krenn, Tom Kerans, Mary Devaney, Ted Tarr

Those attending worked on Reeds Lane to clear and make some repairs to the path. Matt Natti of Cape Ann Trail Stewards contributed labor, tools and a wood chipper. Abutter Nick Della Russo and his daughter provided help and refreshments. The High School Environmental Club provided workers.

Geri Falco attended the workday and suggested CPC might provide funds to rebuild steps which were lost in the last winter storm.

Bill Mueller fixed a dangerous cave-in, also a result of the storm, and rerouted a section of the path. He recommended we discuss further solutions for Atlantic Path at future meeting.

Apparently, Ms Bander, whose property abuts the path, had some complaints. However, according to town records and recent surveys, repairs to the path are not on her property.

#### **Management Report:**

##### **Hillside Road:**

Town Attorney Goldrosen responded to Koppleman and Paige stating that town has no interest in dispute among neighbors, but he expressed an unofficial opinion that the road has been blocked illegally.

Marcia Siegel suggested restoring the old Right of Way where we walked the property on the field trip.

Mary Devaney will discuss the Hillside Road situation with Nick Holland of CATS.

#### **Motion made and seconded:**

We will continue to discuss and pursue protecting the historic Right of Way.

#### **Captain's/ Overseers Reports:**

##### **Signs:**

No sign on Los Angeles to Andrews Woods

Also, no signs on Phillips and Los Angeles paths, but there should be.

Pine Avenue has pole with no sign on it.

#### **Potential CPC Projects:**

The Right of Way on Hillside is overgrown. Agreed during discussion that it should be cleared or we will totally lose access.

Los Angeles path needs to be moved. It has been altered over the years and needs to be returned to the original Right of Way. The lot next to the path is for sale.

**Motion made and seconded:**

Bill Mueller will inquire with Matt Natti arborist for price to clear paths on Los Angeles and Hillside Road.

Reeds Lane continues to be under review.

**Earth Day Report:**

Made by Bill Mueller

April 20, 2013

Went great

Andrews Woods clean

Reeds Lane improved

**Cape Ann Tool Company**

Selectmen have requested that the DEP hold a public hearing to consider Chapter 91 issues related to the revised plans submitted by the new owner, Mr. Rauseo.

DEP hearing May 7, 2013

The new plan has not been approved by the Planning Board or the Harbormasters

Ted Tarr stated he has demanded the Planning Board conduct a site plan review.

Marc Prince made motion to adjourn at 8:30 PM. Motion was seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

**Next Regular Meeting:**

Monday May 20, 2013 at 7:00 PM, Town Hall, Conf. Rm. A

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Devaney